

**Washington State Welfare Reform**  
**Comparison of Major Differences Between Joint Senate/House Bill and Governor's Bill**  
**Status as of March 26, 1997**

<b>Key Provisions</b>	<b>EHB 3901 Joint Senate/House Bill</b>	<b>SB 6040 (Governor Locke)</b>
Welfare & low income child care	Sliding fee scale, starting with \$20 co-payment	Sliding fee scale, starting with \$5 co-payment
Options for legal immigrant benefit coverage	Legal immigrants in the US as of 8/22/96 are eligible for TANF & Medicaid, as well as for food assistance at funded in budget. Naturalization within two years is the goal for each recipient. Legal immigrants arriving AFTER 8/22/96, may receive GA-U. After 5 year federal bar, they may receive Medicaid if their sponsor dies.	GA-U, TANF, Medicaid and food assistance at current levels will be available to ALL legal immigrants, including those arriving after 8/22/96.
Competitive contracting for work activities, and welfare administration	Directs DSHS to make use of competitive contracting strategies in new welfare to work programs. RCW 41.06.380 is amended to allow this. Oversight, evaluation and procedures to follow in competitive contracting are laid out. Contracting-out for welfare administration is permitted but not required.	No provision.
Fiscal cap on program	TANF program (including child care) shall operate within the Maintenance of Effort level determined in budget, plus TANF and Child Care block grants. If expenditures will exceed appropriation, DSHS must reduce grants to reduce expenditures.	No provision

Wage subsidy program and anti-displacement protection	<p>DSHS shall create a wage subsidy program for recipients who would benefit from subsidized work experience. Recipient participation in this program is limited to 9 months. In both the wage subsidy and the volunteer community service jobs, workers cannot displace existing employees. Subsidized workers and volunteers are protected under OSHA/WISHA. Minimum wage, labor relations laws and fed displacement protections apply to subsidized jobs.</p>	Subsidized employment allowed, with broad displacement provisions pertaining to all subsidized work activities.
State-only programs for disabled persons and others	No provision	Allows for disabled recipients, recipients caring for a disabled child and grandparents over 50 caring for a grandchild to receive benefits without participating in work activities.
Child support enforcement and license suspension for nonpayment of support	<p>Drivers, occupational, professional and business licenses are subject to suspension for nonpayment of support. Additional federal reporting requirements are required, regarding hiring &amp; employment. Failure to comply with visitation order may also subject a parent to license suspension. \$50 pass thru is eliminated.</p>	Similar license suspension, but without visitation element. Eliminates \$50 pass-thru.